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1. FURTHER SIGNS OF POSSIBLE SAUDI-IRAQI RAPPROCHEMENT FOLLOWING FEISAL-SADDAM HUSSEIN MEETING IN RABAT (RE REFTEL) ARE (A) ABSENCE OF ATTACKS AGAINST SAUDI ARABIA IN MEDIA DURING PAST FEW WEEKS; AND (B) ARRIVAL NOV 5 IN BAGHDAD OF PRINCE ABDULLAH BIN ABDUL AZIZ BIN MUSSAID, AMIR OF NORTHERN AREA. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR AL-NAGGAR TOLD ME PRINCE WAS HERE TO DISCUSS BI-LATERAL, PARTICULARLY BORDER PROBLEMS.

2. GOI GIVING VIRTUALLY NO PUBLICITY TO THESE EVENTS

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WHICH, IF THEY DO LEAD TO RAPPROCHEMENT, WILL

REPRESENT VERY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN IRAQI ARAB POLICY.
IN ADDITION, TO COMMON OIL INTERESTS, GOI MAIN INTEREST
APPEARS TO BE ATTEMPT TO GARNER FULL ARAB SUPPORT IN
RUNNING CONFLICT WITH IRAN. LOWRIE

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